

Stephen Frazee House  
Cuyahoga Valley National Recreational Area  
7733 Canal Road  
Valley View  
Cuyahoga County  
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# HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Cuyahoga Valley National Recreational Area, 7733 Canal Road  
(State Route 631), Valley View, Cuyahoga County, Ohio

USGS Northfield, Ohio Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
17.450/410.4577/890

Significance: One of the two earliest brick houses in the lower Cuyahoga Valley, the Stephen Frazee House is an example of late Federal vernacular brick construction, unusual in its locale.

Description: The house faces Canal Road, which runs parallel to the Ohio-Erie Canal. The five-bayed, two-story rectangular main block has a one-story square ell appended to the east end of the south (rear) side. (No definitive information exists as to whether the main block or the ell was built first.) Stepped gables at each end of the main block are formed by twin interior chimneys with corbelled tops. The nine-over-six-light, double-hung sash windows have sandstone sills and flat-arched brick lintels.

History: According to county tax records, Stephen Frazee (1780-1868) built this house in 1826 on land he had acquired in 1812. The Akron-Cleveland section of the Ohio-Erie Canal, which is across the road in front (north) of the house, was under construction that same year. In 1861, the property was sold to John Hynton.

The Stephen Frazee House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. In 1979 the National Park Service acquired it for inclusion in the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. The building is presently vacant. The National Park Service intends to use it for interpretive purposes.

Source: Frazee, Stephen, House. National Register of Historic Places nomination form, 1976.

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